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COUNTRY China

REPORT

SUBJECT Port Information: Chinwangtao

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5. Berth

a.

The quay is of solid construction with "one or two" rail tracks running the length of the quay. No cranes were observed along the quay.

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coal was brought to the quay in open railroad cars and dumped into nets

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this quay is used almost entirely for the loading of coal. the ice and snow observed on the railroad cars might indicate the coal is shipped from someplace "inland."

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b. Five gangs of coolies, which included women workers, worked 24 hours around the clock. Cargo operations usually required from 36 to 48 hours work of the coolie gangs which was considered very good. two armed guards were seen among the workers on the quay.

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6. Hydrographic Conditions

a tide of "two or three feet" is experienced in subject port. Due to this tide and the shallow water in and around the harbor, there is a draft restriction on vessels entering and departing this port. Prior to running aground near designator D, vessels with a draft of 30' were allowed to enter the harbor at high tide, but due to the grounding of this vessel, vessels are now restricted to a maximum draft of 29'6" and must enter and depart at high tide.

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7. New Construction

a. a "100' extension" is being made to the breakwater at designator E. This extension is "about completed," is being constructed of hollow concrete blocks filled with gravel. construction was begun 100' off the head of the breakwater and has progressed in a "backward fashion" toward the breakwater. work is continued 24 hours a day.

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b. Considerable excavating and construction is being carried out in the vicinity of designator F, the old marine railway. this construction appeared to be a "drydock." A 100-ton dredge at was observed dredging along track

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10. Miscellaneous Matters of Possible Interest:

a. the quay marked by designator L is used for loading soybeans and coal.

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Comment

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a. Coal mentioned in sub-paragraph 5 a was probably mined at either the Ch'ang-cheng coal mines or the Liu-chiang coal mine, about 15 miles north of subject port.

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